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SUBJECT: INDIAN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL MINISTER'S CALL ON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS - JOINT COMMISSION AND ENERGY

REF: (A) STATE 182139, (B) NEW DELHI 10777

1. INDIAN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL MINISTER J.N. DIXIT MADE
INITIAL CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS (EB) AUGUST 14.
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EB SPECIAL BILATERAL AFFAIRS
OFFICE AND INDIA DESK PARTICIPATED. DISCUSSION COVERED
JOINT COMMISSION AND PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE MATTERS.

2. JOINT COMMISSION:
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A. DIXIT SAID HE HAS BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR
FOLLOWING AFFAIRS OF THE THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS. SINCE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION PLANNED TO MEET
PRIOR TO UPCOMING JOINT COMMISSION SESSION, DIXIT SAID

GOI HAD QUESTIONED DECISION OF OTHER TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS NOT TO FOLLOW SUIT. ENDERS EXPLAINED OUR CONTENTION THAT, CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION, JOINT COMMISSION SHOULD MEET BEFORE SUBCOMMISSION. DIXIT AGREED TO THIS.

BEGIN FYI: AS EMBASSY AWARE, S AND T SUBCOMMISSION WILL NOT RPT NOT NOW MEET BEFORE JOINT COMMISSION. WE HAVE INFORMED DIXIT OF THIS CHANGE AND TOLD HIM WE CONSIDER ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN SYMMETRY IN ACTIVITIES OF THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS UNNECESSARY AND POSSIBLY COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. END FYI.

B. TURNING TO WORK OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION, ENDERS ASKED WHAT WE SHOULD PLAN TO REPORT TO JOINT COMMISSION. DIXIT REFERRED TO HIS JULY 29 DISCUSSION WITH DEP. ASST. SEC. BILLER (REF A) DURING WHICH FULL RANGE OF SUBCOMMISSION ACTIVITIES WAS DISCUSSED. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED SIX GOI LISTS, INCLUDING THAT OF PRIORITY INVESTMENT SECTORS, ON AUGUST 13 (REF B) AND WOULD BE SENDING THEM TO BILLER. (NOTE - DEPARTMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED LISTS FROM DIXIT BUT RECEIVED EMBASSY DELHI'S POUCHED LISTS AUGUST 22.

C. DISCUSSION WENT ON TO COVER FOLLOWING SPECIFIC SUBCOMMISSION PROJECTS:

COLLABORATION IN JOINT VENTURES IN THIRD COUNTRIES -- DIXIT SAID HE FOLLOWED UP ON BILLER'S ADVICE TO CONTACT U.S. FIRMS ACTIVE IN ASIA (REF A), FOUND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST, AND WOULD BE MEETING WITH SEVERAL OF THEM;

INDIAN MARKET SURVEY TEAM -- DIXIT CONFIRMED THAT INDIAN ENGINEERING PRODUCTS MARKET SURVEY TEAM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN U.S. SEPTEMBER 7. HE HAS DISCUSSED VISIT AT COMMERCE, WHICH, HE SAID, HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE IN PLANNING;

JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL -- DIXIT NOTED THAT ORGANIZATION WORK WAS MOVING FORWARD AND THAT HARISH MAHINDRA, CHAIRMAN OF FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND LEADING INDUSTRIALIST, HAD BEEN DESIGNATED AS CHAIRMAN OF INDIAN SECTION;

AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WORKING GROUP -- ENDERS REFERRED TO INDIA'S FERTILIZER PRODUCTION PROBLEMS SUCH AS FINANCING, PLANT LOCATION, PRODUCTION AT

LESS THAN CAPACITY LEVELS, AND SAID THAT WORKING GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER THIS AREA. HE NOTED THAT WHILE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SITUATION CURRENTLY ADEQUATE, WORKING GROUP SHOULD ATTEMPT TO PROJECT 1979-80 PRICE/SUPPLY SITUATION, WHEN PICTURE MIGHT CHANGE. DIXIT SAID GOI MINISTRY

OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS IS PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATION.

INDIAN EXPORTS TO U.S.-- DIXIT REFERRED TO NEW PROBLEM ON BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT INVOLVING U.S. REQUEST FOR STRICTER INTERPRETATION. ENDERS SAID THAT GOI SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO INTRODUCE SUCH COMPLAINTS INTO JOINT COMMISSION CONTEXT, AND THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY DO SO WHEN WE FELT IT WOULD SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE.

3. NOTING THAT HE WILL ALSO BE FOLLOWING U.S. INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY, DIXIT SAID GOI WELCOMES IDEA OF ESTABLISHING THREE COMMISSIONS UNDER PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE, BUT WONDERS HOW THE DELIBERATIONS OF THESE COMMISSIONS WILL BE INTERRELATED AND CO-EFFECTIVE. ENDERS SAID U.S. DOES NOT WANT TO IMPOSE ARTIFICIAL LINKAGE BETWEEN THREE COMMISSIONS AS WE ARE CONCERNED THAT AN EFFORT TO TIE ALL ISSUES TOGETHER WOULD KILL PROGRESS ON ANY ISSUE. DIXIT SAID THAT WHATEVER ENERGY COMMISSION DOES WILL AFFECT RAW MATERIALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMISSION. DIXIT CONCLUDED CONVERSATION WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT ENERGY COMMISSION WILL ALLOW FAIR REPRESENTATION TO OIL IMPORTERS, INCLUDING LDCE, AS WELL AS PRODUCERS.

4. BEGIN FYI: ALTHOUGH DIXIT DID NOT RAISE MICA ISSUES WITH ENDERS, THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION OF MICA WITH EB OFFICERS FOLLOWING MEETING. WE GAVE DIXIT MATERIALS PROVIDED BY U.S. MICA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC CASES OF INFERIOR QUALITY MICA OFFERINGS BY THE GOI'S MICA TRADING CORPORATION. INDIAN EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION IN MEETING WITH BILLER LAST JUNE. END FYI. ROBINSON

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